

**Fairs or youth shows under the control of one or more counties or other agencies as defined in subsection (4) of RCW 15.76.120**

**RCW 15.76.100**

**Declaration of public interest -- Allocation of state funds authorized.**

It is hereby declared that it is in the public interest to hold agricultural fairs, including the exhibition of livestock and agricultural produce of all kinds, as well as related arts and manufactures; including products of the farm home and educational contest, displays and demonstrations designed to train youth and to promote the welfare of farm people and rural living. Fairs qualifying hereunder shall be eligible for allocations from the state fair fund as provided in this chapter.

[1961 c 61 § 1.]

**RCW 15.76.120**

**Categories of fairs -- Jurisdiction and organization.**

For the purposes of this chapter all agricultural fairs in the state which may become eligible for state allocations shall be divided into categories, to wit:

(1) "Area fairs"...

(2) "County and district fairs".....

(3) "Community fairs".....

**(4) "Youth shows and fairs"—approved by duly constituted agents of Washington State University or the office of the superintendent of public instruction, serving three or more counties, and having for their purpose the education and training of rural youth in matters of rural living.**

[1993 c 163 § 1; 1991 c 238 § 74; 1961 c 61 § 3.]

**RCW 15.76.130**

**Application for state allocation -- Purposes -- Form.**

For the purpose of encouraging agricultural fairs and training rural youth, the board of trustees of any fair or youth show may apply to the director of agriculture for state allocations as hereinafter set forth. Such application shall be in such form as the director may prescribe.

[1961 c 61 § 4.]

**RCW 15.76.140**

**Eligibility requirements for state allocation.**

(1) Before any agricultural fair may become eligible for state allocations it must have conducted two successful consecutive annual fairs immediately preceding application for such allocations, and have its application therefor approved by the director.

(2) .....area fairs.

[2001 c 157 § 1; 1995 c 374 § 71; 1965 ex.s. c 32 § 1; 1961 c 61 § 5.]

### **RCW 15.76.150**

#### **Allocations from the fair fund -- Considerations.**

The director shall have the authority to make allocations from the state fair fund, including interest income under RCW [43.79A.040](#), exclusively as follows: **Eighty-five percent to participating agricultural fairs, distributed according to the merit of such fairs measured by a merit rating to be set up by the director. This merit rating shall take into account such factors as area and population served, open and/or youth participation, attendance, gate receipts, number and type of exhibits, premiums and prizes paid, community support, evidence of successful achievement of the aims and purposes of the fair, extent of improvements made to grounds and facilities from year to year, and overall condition and appearance of grounds and facilities.** The remaining fifteen percent of money in the state fair fund may be used for special assistance to any participating fair or fairs and for administrative expenses incurred in the administration of this chapter only, including expenses incurred by the fair commission as may be approved by the director: PROVIDED, That not more than five percent of the state fair fund may be used for such expenses.

The division and payment of funds authorized in this section shall occur at such times as the director may prescribe.

[2002 c 313 § 113; 1965 ex.s. c 32 § 2; 1961 c 61 § 6.]

### **RCW 15.76.160**

#### **Purposes for which allocation made -- To whom made -- List of premiums to be submitted as part of application, form.**

Any state allocations made under this chapter to fairs or youth shows, **other than fairs or youth shows operated by or for and under the control of one or more counties or other agencies, as defined in subsection (4) of RCW [15.76.120](#),** shall be made only as a reimbursement in whole or in part for the payment of premiums and prizes awarded to participants in such fairs or youth shows. State allocations to fairs under the control of one or more counties shall be made to the county treasurer of the county in which the fair is held. State allocations to other publicly sponsored fairs or youth shows shall be made to such sponsor. The board of trustees of any private fair or youth show, as part of its application for any allocation under this chapter, and as a condition of such allocation, shall submit to the director a list of premiums and prizes awarded to participants in its last preceding fair or youth show. Such list shall contain the names of all premium and prize winners, a description of each prize or premium, including its amount or value, and the total values of all such awards. The list shall be in such form and contain such further information as the director may require, and shall be verified as to its accuracy by the oath of the president of the fair or youth show, together with that of the secretary or manager, subscribed thereon.

[1961 c 61 § 7.]

## **WAC 16-700-002**

**Definition.** Agricultural fair: A fair or exhibition which is intended to promote agriculture by including a balanced variety of exhibits of livestock and agricultural products, as well as related arts and manufactures; including products of the farm home, and educational contests, displays, and demonstrations designed to train youth and to promote the welfare of farm people and rural living.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter [15.76](#) RCW. 80-01-019 (Order 1662), § 16-700-002, filed 12/14/79, effective 1/1/81.]

## **WAC 16-700-010**

**Activity reports required.** Any area county fair .....

**Any community fair or youth show must submit to the director annually, on or before December 1, the reports of its activities on forms to be supplied by the director.**

[Statutory Authority: RCW [15.76.180](#), 97-04-078, § 16-700-010, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97; Order 1279, § 16-700-010, filed 11/28/72, effective 1/1/73; Order 847, Regulation 1, effective 6/8/61.]

## **WAC 16-700-022**

**Requirements.** All agricultural fairs shall:

- (1) Have a written statement of aims and purposes made public.
- (2) Provide special activities for youth development, such as judging contests, educational demonstrations, and displays designed to train youth.
- (3) Hold all activities to be considered as part of the fair on consecutive days: Provided, That a portion of these activities may be held up to seven days before the first day of the fair.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter [15.76](#) RCW. 80-01-019 (Order 1662), § 16-700-022, filed 12/14/79, effective 1/1/81.]

## **WAC 16-700-024**

**Director's review.** Any fair not qualifying under WAC [16-700-021](#) or [16-700-022](#)(3) may apply to the director for a review of its circumstances and the director is authorized to determine eligibility on the basis of those circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter [15.76](#) RCW. 80-01-019 (Order 1662), § 16-700-024, filed 12/14/79, effective 1/1/81.]

## **WAC 16-700-027**

**Board of directors.** Area and community fairs and youth shows shall have an organized governing board of directors, be nonprofit, and show evidence of community support.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter [15.76](#) RCW. 80-01-019 (Order 1662), § 16-700-027, filed 12/14/79, effective 1/1/81.]

**WAC 16-700-030 Effect of donated labor, materials, and equipment.** For the purpose of matching state fair fund allocations those fairs whose local resources are not sufficient to match dollar for dollar may in preparing their annual reports place a reasonable itemized monetary value upon donated labor, materials and equipment used in the construction, repairing and maintenance of fair grounds, buildings and facilities.

[Order 847, Regulation 3, effective 6/8/61.]

### **WAC 16-700-040**

**Consideration given to community support.** Special consideration may be given to each of the several criteria by which fairs are to receive a merit rating. Special consideration may be given, however, to small and comparatively isolated fairs with limited local resources when such fairs have shown that a maximum community effort has been made in support of these fairs.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [15.76.180](#), 97-04-078, § 16-700-040, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97; Order 847, Regulation 4, effective 6/8/61.]

### **WAC 16-700-060**

**Criteria for youth shows and fairs.** Youth shows and fairs shall be judged on a merit basis according to the following criteria:

- (1) **Aims and purposes:** To what extent does the show supplement 4-H, FFA and other related youth programs and to what extent does it provide opportunity for showing results of supervised training in these programs?
- (2) **Organization and management:** To what extent is the organization, its officers and management and the physical setup geared to accomplish the objectives stated above?
- (3) **Scope:** What does the show include in the nature of youth participation, such as number of participants, kind and number of exhibits or displays, and the clubs or chapters represented?
- (4) **Quality:** What is the general attractiveness of the show in all departments, the general rating of exhibits judged by recognized standards of excellence, and the neatness and orderliness in all departments?
- (5) **Financial statement:** What are the receipts of all kinds, the expenditures, including salaries and wages, premiums paid, financial reserves and general obligations?
- (6) **Area and/or community support:** In what ways does the area served support this show?
- (7) **Special activities:** To what extent does the show provide special activities for youth development, such as judging contests, educational demonstrations, banquets, barbecues, programs, or other supervised recreation?

[Statutory Authority: RCW [15.76.180](#), 97-04-078, § 16-700-060, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97; Order 847, Regulation 6, effective 6/8/61.]

## **WAC 16-700-080**

**Qualifying premiums and prizes.** Premiums and prizes that qualify for listing for allocation purposes shall be those paid for exhibits and educational contests, displays, and demonstrations of an educational nature. This is not to include judges fees and expenses, livestock sale revenues, prizes or premiums for promotion or entertainment activities such as queen contests, parades, dances, rodeos, and races.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [15.76.180](#), 97-04-078, § 16-700-080, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97; Order 1279, § 16-700-080, filed 11/28/72, effective 1/1/73.]

## **WAC 16-700-090**

**Effective date.** The effective date of these amended rules shall be January 1, 1981 (WAC [16-700-001](#), [16-700-020](#), [16-700-021](#), [16-700-022](#), [16-700-024](#), [16-700-027](#), and [16-700-090](#)).

[Statutory Authority: Chapter [15.76](#) RCW. 80-01-019 (Order 1662), § 16-700-090, filed 12/14/79, effective 1/1/81.]